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SOUTH CAROLINA PEACH PRODUCTION DOWN

Based on June 1 conditions, SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2011 **PEACH PRODUCTION** is expected to total 90.0 thousand tons, down 18 percent from last year, but 20 percent above 2009, according to the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office. Moderate hail damage, along with little rainfall, negatively impacted crop expectations. Dry weather has allowed producers to begin harvesting ahead of schedule.

The 2011 **PEACH CROP** in the THREE MAJOR STATES, California, Georgia, and South Carolina is forecast at 940,000 tons, down 3 percent from last year.

The California Clingstone crop is forecast at 430,000 tons, unchanged from the May 1 forecast and less than 1 percent below 2010. The California Freestone crop is forecast at 385,000 tons, equal to the May 1 forecast and the 2010 crop. Georgia's peach crop is forecast at 35,000 tons, down 13 percent from last year's crop.

SOUTH CAROLINA WHEAT PRODUCTION UP

Based on June 1 conditions, SOUTH CAROLINA'S **WINTER WHEAT** production is expected to total 10.07 million bushels, up 13 percent from May 1, and up 115 percent from last year's 4.68 million bushels, the USDA - NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today. This year's expected average yield per acre of 53.0 bushels is up 6 bushels from the May 1 estimate, and up 17 bushels from last year's estimate of 36 bushels.

WINTER WHEAT production in the UNITED STATES is forecast at 1.45 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but 2 percent below 2010. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month but 1.5 bushels less than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, unchanged from May 1.